

**EXCELLENCE
IN
CONSTRUCTION**



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“RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN MERIT SHOP CONSTRUCTION”

GENERAL CONTRACTOR ENTRY FORM

The Associated Builders and Contractors of the Carolinas invite you to enter your best project(s) in the *EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION* Awards competition. Join the ranks of merit shop companies recognized as “**THE BEST OF THE BEST**” in the construction industry. Eligible projects must be substantially completed by August 31, 2010. *Please note that companies may submit more than one entry with no limit.* No exceptions will be made to the above deadlines.



CAROLINAS PROJECT OF THE YEAR - A single project which best exemplifies the contributions of quality construction will be chosen as the Carolinas Project of the Year. The finalists will be selected from the Eagle Award recipients and will submit a special questionnaire/interview and the winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Free Enterprise Award – This award will go to the GC with the largest number of ABC member subcontractors, suppliers and associate members working directly on the project. The award will be selected from the Eagle Award recipients and will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Eagle Award - A first place Eagle Award will be presented – one for each category. The award winners receive a specially designed sculpture of the American eagle, symbolizing free enterprise.

Merit Award - Up to three construction projects in each category will be eligible for an Award of Merit.

Carolinas Green Award – A single project will be picked from the entries submitted in this “*additional*” category for environmentally “*Green*” building techniques, products and challenges overcome. (See Step 3 & Section 12)

Recognition of Winners - All award winners will be recognized at a gala presentation at the **Ninth** Annual ABC of the Carolinas – *Excellence In Construction Awards Banquet*, held on **November 18, 2010**. News releases will be distributed to local press outlets for all award winners, and participants will also be highlighted in *The Carolinas Blueprint Weekly*. Award winners will be eligible to submit to the ABC National Excellence in Construction Awards Competition.

Entry Requirements – ABC member contractors are eligible to compete. Joint ventures are eligible if one firm is an ABC member. Each entry must follow the requirements section of this application, be accompanied by the \$200 per entry fee (add \$150 if adding Carolinas Green Entry) and be received at the ABC of the Carolinas chapter office by September 1st, 2010. The entry binders are then due to ABC by October 1, 2010. Eligible projects must be substantially completed by August 31, 2010. *Please note that companies may submit more than one entry with no limit.* Absolutely no exceptions will be made to the above deadlines.

All entry forms must be received no later than **September 1, 2010**. Binders must be received by **October 1, 2010**.

Send Entry Form and Binders to:

2010 Excellence in Construction Awards
c/o ABC of the Carolinas
2101 Sardis Road North, Suite 220
Charlotte, North Carolina 28227

Judging Criteria - The panel of judges represent a cross section of the industry, including owners, architects and other construction industry leaders. There is a total possible score of 100 points. The Entry Form lists the different sections and their point values. *Note: Answer the questions clearly and succinctly as directed.* Selection of judges is at the discretion of the EIC committee and the scoring of projects will remain confidential. The decision of the EIC committee is final.

1. **All entries become the property of Associated Builders and Contractors.** ABC of the Carolinas will retain your binder as long as it is needed to fulfill program requirements. There is no guarantee your binder will be returned to you.
2. ABC reserves the right to change the category if it believes a company’s chances of winning will be enhanced.
3. Photographs become the property of ABC of the Carolinas. Applicants should assure they have permission to copy and send photos to ABC for use without limitations. Liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant.
4. **Warranty:** You warrant that the work is original with you, that its publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that you have full power to make this grant.

Notification and News Releases - Winners will be notified within a week of the judging process. News releases will be held until after the actual awards ceremony on November 18. ABC of the Carolinas will distribute a news release shortly following the announcement of the winners. Until that time the winner’s information is embargoed.

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Please complete the information exactly as it should appear on the award. Each submission requires a separate entry form. Put this Entry Form (2 Pages) as front pages in your entry binder.

- Contractor Firm: _____
Name of Contact & Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
- Name of project: _____
Project Location(City/State) _____
Contract Amount: _____
- Check Entry Category and Project Value from list below:

Step 1 — Select Division

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Churches | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation/Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Specialty |

Step 2 — Project Value

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$2 Million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 — \$25 Million |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 — \$5 Million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 — \$50 Million |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 — \$10 Million | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$50 Million |

Step 3 (Optional) — Carolinas Green Award (Add \$150 to your entry Fee) – See Section 12 for specific instructions

- YES, this project is a sustainable project, enter our project for the **Carolinas Green Award** “Additional” Project Category

- Name of Owner: _____
- Name of Project Manager(s): _____
- Starting Date of Construction: _____ Completion Date: _____
- Was this a Design-Build project? Yes No

Entry Binder - Overall Presentation and Appearance of Entry - 3 points

- Entry must be in a three-ring binder – not to exceed 12 X 12 inches.
- Entry Form (**These 2 Pages Completed**) must be the first two pages in binder, before tabs.
- Create a tab with a label for each of the sections 1 through 11 as listed below (keep in same numerical order).
- Company name and entry category are displayed on the spine and cover of the binder**
- Do not send videos, DVD presentations or oversized documents.

1. Contracted Scope – 10 points

Provide a detailed description of your scope for this project (maximum of one page). Responses should include: type of construction; size of project; contract value; length of project; and percentage of labor that is self-performed.

2. Narrative - 15 points

Describe the innovative programs relating to personnel management; quality control; scheduling; value engineering; value engineering dollar value. *Why is this project special? What qualifies it for an award?* (Maximum of 4 pages)

3. Difficulty of Project – 15 points

Describe the special obstacles you overcame in completing the project including job conditions, materials, site restrictions, design; and the degree of difficulty or extenuating circumstances encountered in completing the project. (Maximum 4 pages)

4. Quality of Finished Project – 10 points

Describe the end product in detail referencing Site, Exterior, Interior, MEP, Other. Include detailed pictures not included in item 6 below that show the quality of work.

5. References - 10 points

Letter(s) (up to three) of recommendation from the Owner, Architect, endorsements, third-party comments, or others involved.

6. Photographs – 5 points

Include in your entry a minimum of three, but not to exceed ten photographs should be included. Do not submit photos larger than 8” x 10”. Provide a brief description for each photograph. A CD with digital photos is encouraged. Include CD in a vinyl sleeve, properly labeled and securely fastened.

7. Safety Section - 22 points (Please include these questions as 1st page under tab 7)

- a. If you are STEP award recipient include a copy of your bronze, silver, gold, or platinum-level certificate.
- b. Does your company have a written Safety & Health Policy Manual? Yes No
(Give a brief summary – maximum one page or include a copy of its Table of Contents)
- c. Did you develop a site-specific Safety & Health Policy Manual? Yes No
(Give a brief summary – maximum one page or include a copy of its Table of Contents)
- d. Were toolbox safety meetings held? Yes No Documented? Yes No
How often? _____ Include a one-page summary or an actual example.
- e. Was specialized training conducted on this project? Yes No
What types? _____
- f. Did this project have a safety-related fatality? Yes No
- g. Total man-hours for all disciplines included in your contract on this project: _____
- h. Number of OSHA recordable accidents on this project: _____
Number of OSHA restricted day cases on this project: _____
Number of OSHA lost-time accidents on this project: _____
- i. Name and title of person responsible for safety on this project. _____
- j. Was the person responsible for safety identified as such in the project’s organization chart? Yes No
- k. Does your company have a substance abuse policy? Yes No
- l. Were there any innovative safety and health programs used specific to this project? Yes No Explain: (No limit on number of pages on this item)

8. Supplemental Materials – 5 points

Provide any miscellaneous supporting materials such as diagrams and other graphics, media coverage and promotion. A maximum of five pages in this section. Do not send oversize documents.

9. Merit Shop – 3 points

With regard to **your scope** of work, please provide a list of all ABC members (specialty contractors/suppliers/associates) involved in the project. (Verify ABC Members at www.abccarolinas.org)

10. Accredited Quality Contractor – 2 points

If your company is an AQC member, include a copy of the company certificate or renewal letter. This certificate may be requested by emailing ABC National at eic@abc.org.

11. All Applicants, please provide in 25 words (maximum), a paragraph describing what is so special about your project that can be used if you are a winner in the EIC Program.

12. Carolinas Green Award Entry Only: Entrants must provide an additional section. Instructions for this section can be downloaded from the ABC website at www.abccarolinas.org (Excellence In Construction Page)

I hereby give ABC of the Carolinas my permission to use photographs and any information submitted for the ABCC Excellence in Construction Awards competition, Banquet and other as deemed needy.



Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____